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**Order**

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#### **Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973**

Whereas, the Election Commission of India would announce the schedule of General Assembly Elections, 2017 shortly and the code of conduct would come into the force on announcement of the said schedule, the Election Commission of India, New Delhi had given direction to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms and firearms and lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of election process and to prevent obstructions, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquillity or riot, of any affray during the electioneering.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time.

Now therefore, I, Agnelo A. J. Fernandes, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji, in exercise of

the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P.C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all types of arms, firearms, ammunition, lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, through fare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of North Goa with immediate effect until further orders;

Further, all the arms license holders in North Goa District are directed to deposit all their firearms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective Jurisdiction immediately, and in no case after 6th January, 2017. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the license holders after five days from counting i.e. after the election process is over;

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal firearm/s license or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 21st day of December, 2016.

Panaji.— The District Magistrate & DEO, North Goa District, *Agnelo A. J. Fernandes*.

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